



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher, the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Jared Mason, age 23, and Donnell Smith, age 22, both of Omaha, have been indicted by a federal grand jury in connection with the armed robbery of a United States Post Office located at 2910 State Street, Omaha, NE. Both men have been charged with the robbery of money belonging to the United States and with brandishing a firearm during that robbery. Mason has been additionally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Mason and Smith will appear in front of United States Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken on April 23, 2009 at 2 p.m.

Name of Defendants: Jared Mason and Donnell Smith

AKA:

Age: Mason is 23; Smith is 22

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Robbery of money belonging to the United States by use of a dangerous weapon, not more than 15 years, \$250,000 fine, 5 year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment. Brandishing a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence, mandatory consecutive and mandatory minimum of 7 years up to life, \$250,000 fine, 5 year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment. Felon in Possession of a Firearm, not more than 10 years, \$250,000 fine, 3 year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha

Location of Arrest: n/a

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$357.00

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or about April 20, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 20, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: NA

Indictment Returned Date: April 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 23, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s):

Sentencing Date:

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Initial appearance and arraignment

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Judge Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody

In Continuous Custody Since: April 20, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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